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1 — EPA accused of keeping New Mexico in the dark, Albuquerque Journal, 9/18/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/645989/news/epa-accused-of-keeping-nm-in-dark.html>

New Mexico Environment Secretary Ryan Flynn on Thursday accused the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of withholding detailed water quality data from the state for several weeks after toxic waste from a mine spill contaminated water in the Animas and San Juan rivers.

2 — EPA, Congress clash over Gold King Mine effect on Navajo Nation, Denver Post, 9/17/2015

http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_28831660/epa-congress-clash-over-gold-king-mine-effect

In an unusually explosive exchange, the chairman of the U.S. House oversight committee on Thursday accused the EPA of trying to sweep under the rug the damages the Gold King Mine disaster had done to the Navajo Nation.

3 – EPA clean power rules could benefit state, Tulsa World, 9/18/2015

http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/tulsabusiness/business_news/energy/epa-clean-power-rules-could-benefit-state/article_5032f5fd-eeef-5286-9ee1-64dc39f8fd90.html

Oklahoma could benefit economically from the Environmental Protection Agency's clean power plan that was announced Aug. 3.

4 — Fifth Circuit Reverses Criminal Conviction of Citgo in Corpus Christi Pollution Case, Texas Observer, 9/17/15

<https://www.texasobserver.org/fifth-circuit-overturms-citgos-clean-air-act-conviction/>

Earlier this month, a federal appeals court dealt Corpus Christi residents a harsh blow, overturning the criminal conviction of Citgo Petroleum Corp. for violations of the Clean Air Act.

5 — Water plan eases up on nutrients, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 9/17/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/sep/17/water-plan-eases-up-on-nutrients-201509/?f=news-arkansas>

The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission has watered down a recommendation in its proposed water plan on the basis of public comments. Agriculture industry associations in particular had opposed a sentence that could have resulted in a requirement for nutrient management plans throughout Arkansas.

6 — Inhofe Eyes Renewed Push For 'Good Samaritan' Bill After EPA Mine Spill, Inside EPA, 9/16/2015

<http://insideepa.com/node/184898>

Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), chairman of the environment committee, plans to renew efforts to move long-stalled legislation that would provide environmental liability relief for so-called Good Samaritans who conduct cleanups of abandoned hardrock mines, spurred in part by EPA's Aug. 5 accidental spill of wastewater containing heavy metals from an abandoned Colorado mine.

7 — 15,000 Oil Drums Abandoned in Ector County, EPA Conducting Emergency Clean-Up, KWES, 9/16/2015

<http://www.newswest9.com/story/30050745/15000-oil-drums-abandoned-in-ector-county-epa-conducting-emergency-clean-up>

Thousands of abandoned oil drums at Marco Avenue and Market Street are leaking chemicals into the ground, contaminating water wells and creating significant fire hazards, Environmental Protection Agency officials said.

8 – IG questions water-quality payoff from pricey sewer upgrades, Greenwire, 9/17/2015

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/09/17/stories/1060024884>

It's unclear whether the billions of dollars that U.S. EPA has required cities to invest in sewer upgrades are yielding water quality improvements, the agency's inspector general concludes in a new report.

9 — The EPA has failed the Navajo Nation (opinion), The Hill, 9/17/2015

<http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/253857-the-epa-has-failed-the-navajo-nation>

The Environmental Protection Agency is supposed to protect the environment, our water, our air and our land. But on August 5, an EPA team doing excavation work released 3 million gallons of toxic sludge from the inactive Gold King Mine, contaminating the Animas and San Juan rivers in Colorado, New Mexico, Navajo Nation, and Utah. What followed was a month of finger pointing, failure to take responsibility in a timely manner, and an agency turning its back on the Navajo people.

10 — City approves Natural Chem land purchase agreement, Clovis (NM) News Journal, 9/17/2015

<http://www.cnjonline.com/2015/09/17/city-approves-natural-chem-land-purchase-agreement/>

For three hours on Thursday night, Clovisites living on South Main Street voiced concerns to city commissioners about Natural Chem, LLC moving into the nearby industrial park. After the company's chief executive officer Robert Salazar answered questions, the commission decided by unanimous vote to approve a land purchase agreement, allowing the company to make progressive steps toward building a plant in Clovis.

11 — Some in Oklahoma dispute whether nation has an oil glut, The Oklahoman, 9/18/2015

<http://newsok.com/some-in-oklahoma-dispute-whether-nation-has-an-oil-glut/article/5447647>

The rapid increase in domestic production over the past several years has displaced much of the country's oil imports and forced changes in many of the ways companies operate throughout the oil patch.

12 — 4.1 earthquake recorded today near Cushing; state's largest in past 30 days, Tulsa World, 9/18/2015

http://www.tulsaworld.com/earthquakes/earthquake-recorded-today-near-cushing-state-s-largest-in-past/article_1138e148-a8a1-5a33-8b30-b5e8140eabeb.html

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a 4.1 earthquake this morning in Oklahoma. The temblor recorded at about 7:35 a.m. about 4 miles west-northwest of Cushing in Payne County.

13 — ConAgra, Albertsons, Sodexo join fight to halve food waste, GreenBiz, 9/18/2015

<http://www.greenbiz.com/article/conagra-albertsons-sodexo-join-federal-fight-halve-food-waste>

Hunger is the biggest obstacle to learning for children in public schools in Oakland, California, according to a survey of district teachers. In Washington, D.C., 31 percent of children live in “food-insecure” households. That's one in five residents across Louisiana. Ditto in New York City.